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Third Quarter 2019

Tire Blowout at Leidos

Submitted by David Holmes

Late last Wednesday (5/30/19) while returning from the Leidos hangar, the ARFF truck had a "catastrophic" right rear tire blow out. As you can see in the pictures, it blew with enough force to destroy the fender. Fortunately, they were traveling at low speed and the driver maintained control.

It took a little arm twisting, but Quincy was able to find new tires in Norfolk, VA, had them shipped to Manassas Thursday and four new tires were installed Thursday night. Quincy will be replacing the fender next week. Leidos (Pat) was not happy his schedule for Thursday was disrupted but in the end all worked out and he was impressed with the speed we had the truck back in service. We were very lucky .



Plane Crash at Trenton

Submitted by Stuart Steele

On June 9, 2019, Trenton tower alerted Station 34 of the crash by phone at 1515 hours with a reported Alert 3 off the runway into the grass on Runway 06. Engine 34, Engine 34-1, Rescue 34 and Chief 34 responded. When we arrived, the pilot was found exiting the aircraft and stated that a crosswind blew him off the runway where his left wingtip struck the runway causing him to cartwheel at high speed into the grass. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

The Cirrus SR22 is equipped with a ballistic parachute that was not deployed but the mechanism sustained damage. Normal protocol would be for the initial ARFF Crew to "pin" or secure the firing mechanism with pins typically found in the aircraft. The pilot stated that he did not have them and with the crew having prior training on the Cirrus, knew to utilize zip ties to disable the system.

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Plane Crash *cont.*

Additionally, a 2200 psi oxygen bottle leaking from a fitting, that had been damaged during the crash, needed to be secured prior to recovery. This was a complicated and technical recovery, but training paid off and safety of the crew was paramount.

The pilot incurred minor injuries but refused medical transport to the hospital. Chief Stuart Steele, Captain Robert Hewins, FF/EMT Jeffery Ritter and FF/EMT Thomas Krakowski from Trenton did an outstanding job.



Aircraft Landing with Gear Up

Submitted by Marc Perez

On June 25th, Pro-Tec Fire was contacted by Eisenhower Airport Fire/Police and asked if we could respond to Jabara Airport for a small aircraft that landed gear-up. Jabara is a small airport which is monitored by Eisenhower Fire. Eisenhower Airport is located on the west side of Wichita, approximately 20 miles away. Since we have a Mutual Aid Agreement with Eisenhower Fire and Jabara is about 6 miles straight north of us, we were given permission to respond.

Here is the situation: No Fire or hazards present. Airport Police on scene to monitor. The aircraft was doing touch and go's and forgot to put the landing gear down. It was sitting in the middle of the runway and had shut down the Airport. They needed assistance in lifting the aircraft so the wheels can be manually put down and the Airport re-opened.

Pro-Tec Fire responded and used air bags to lift the aircraft and with the assistance of Jabara maintenance, were able to put the landing gear down and tow the aircraft off the runway.



Pulaski Polka Days

Submitted by Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport

July 18-21, 2019, Green Bay Austin Straubel Airport ARFF attended Pulaski Polka Days. Polka days is an annual polka festival that lasts four days in Pulaski, Wisconsin. Pulaski Polka Days brings thousands of visitors each year from all over the world to hear some of the best polka music in the world.

Pictured: Captain Ben Holle, Chief Chet Bruette & PSO Jason Strassburger





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Kalamazoo receives new Eco Foam Cart from grant funding through the State of Michigan. The cart allows testing the foam production system without the use of AFFF. No more wasting foam and more importantly no contamination. It has also been a useful tool for training, maintenance issues and team work. The testing process is a 2-3 person operation. E-One came in and hooked up all piping for the system and training Chief Vosburg, FF Robinson and FF Gray on how the system works. Later that evening FF Baker joined us for help with testing and getting familiar with the system.

Submitted by Paul Vosburg



Kalamazoo 4th Annual Air Fair was a big hit once again.

The airport gives back a little to the community each year and provides this event free of charge each year with give a ways, events and kids fun activities. This event has grown approximately 30% each year. Several pieces of airport equipment and aircraft of various types on display in the Wings and Wheels area. Delta airlines brought in a passenger aircraft for tours inside and out. The ARFF tent provided kids toys to give out and a first aid station (no medicals during event). Rescue 3 was on display.

Chief Vosburg, his wife Joanne and in-laws, James and Pat Chase made and donated a live edge picnic table as a give away item for this event. The live edge top and seats are made from Maple and Black Walnut. Timber slabs where taken from the Vosburg/Chase Homestead, cut, sawmilled and finished.

Submitted by Paul Vosburg





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Triennial at Rogue Valley International Medford Airport - 2019

Submitted by John Karns

The Rogue Valley International Medford Airport conducted its 2019 Triennial exercise on June 11. With over 150 participants, the event exercised the Airport's Emergency Plan, ARFF, mutual air partners, area hospitals, air carriers, EMS providers and Airport Operations. For the first time, the Airport's Emergency Operations Center and Family and Friends Assistance Center (reunification center) were exercised with all five air carriers participating in the latter.

The exercise involved 47 "passengers" of the fictitious airline—**ROGUE AIR—IF YOU DARE**. Three EMS transporting agencies transported patients to two area hospitals. Six neighboring fire agencies also participated in the fire suppression and mass casualty components of the exercise. A Lear Model 28 was our "prop" aircraft simulating a regional jet.



The Family and Friends Assistance Center was being staffed by members of all five air carriers acting as employees of Rogue Air. 15 "actors" playing the role of family and friends of the passengers pressed the staff for information about their loved ones. The center also had the local Chaplains Association, the American Red Cross, and even offered a K-9/Chaplain therapy dog.

Each element of the exercise had evaluators and controllers keeping the activities moving as planned and allowing for objective evaluation of resource performance. The event was a success, even though it was the hottest day of the year. Good information was garnered that will be implemented in the Airport's Emergency Plan.

Leidos Fly-In & Family Day

Submitted by Michael Leddy

June was a busy month for the Manassas - Leidos branch of Pro-Tec.

Pro-Tec provided ARFF coverage for the first annual Leidos Fly-In and Family Day on June 22nd. Besides providing ARFF coverage, our

unit was on public display for visitors to see and ask questions about our services.





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Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Submitted by John Karns

ARFF participated in the Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) Open House on Saturday, July 20th. The event was celebrating 100 years of aviation with the Oregon Department of Forestry. ODF protects State and BLM lands in Oregon. The event was a success with over 700 guests coming out to see a variety of firefighting aircraft, wildland fire engines, ARFF, and a number of other agencies associated with ODF. There was also a display of UAV's (unmanned aerial vehicles) and of course, Smokey Bear.



Minor Incident

Submitted by Michael Leddy

Had a minor aircraft incident on August 2nd. Aircraft suffered some structural damage but fortunately there were no fluid leaks, no injuries, aircrew refused treatment and transport; our guys stayed on the scene for about 20-25 minutes.

European Style Helmets

Submitted by Paul Vosburg

Here is Troy Gray's new helmet, we're moving to the "European" style helmets here at the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport. We are a bit excited about this. I know a lot of fire personnel prefer the traditional style, but I find these more comfortable, lighter and safer...and they look space age. I am a traditional style Chief myself, but I cannot teach and preach safety and change if I do not do what is best. We are first in the County to go to this style. After testing and studies, this seems to be the safest style out at this time. Pictured is the **Rosenbauer Titan Hero** helmet.





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Green Bay Packers Practice

Submitted by Karen Cashman



August 5th, Green Bay Austin Straubel ARFF attended the Green Bay Packers Training practice at Ray Nitschke Field in Green Bay, WI. Justin Strassburger, Public Safety Office and Captain Ben Holle, donated their time to show off the Striker to curious Packer fans. This was also Pro-Tec’s Media Relations and Communications Director, Beth Chandonais’ first day on the job and also first time in a ARFF apparatus.



*Pictured Top Left: PSO Justin Strassburger and Capt. Ben Holle
Pictured Middle: Beth Chandonais and Capt. Ben Holle
Pictured Btm Right: Capt. Ben Holle, PSO Justin Strassburger, GRB Marketing Director Susan Levitte, Fire Chief Chet Bruette GRB Airport Operations Supervisor John Behrendt and airport therapy dog Fritz, Beth Chandonais and Karen Cashman*



Wildland Response

Submitted by John Karns

We had an interesting response late Monday night, 8/5/19. ARFF received a request at approximately 2215 hours for assistance from the Incident Commander of the Evans Creek Fire (a local wildland fire). A truck and trailer carrying Jet A fuel that was supporting the firefighting helicopters had overturned, with the trailer leaking its content. The request was made due to the potential for ignition of the Jet A fuel and the amount of Class B foam that our engine is able to deliver. The truck driver sustained some injuries and was transported to the



hospital. 7980 with Captain Grimes responded to the event with a law enforcement escort. John Karns came in to cover our staffing and keep the index. 7980 provided a stand-by while the tank vessel was breached and its content evacuated. The Region 8 Hazardous Materials truck and crew were also on scene.

The tank was successfully off-loaded without incident and 7980 returned to quarters at approximately 0430 hours Tuesday morning. I would say this response raised our “stock” with our mutual aid partners.



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Combined Training

Submitted by Chris Millard

Chicago Rockford Airport hosted Stillman Valley Fire Protection District on August 19th. They arrived at 1800. DC Briggs went over a quick power point on Airport Familiarization, where the staging gates/areas are located and what would be there primary objective if we were ever to receive an ALERT 3 on airport grounds. SVFD set up a water supply operation with a porta tank that fed ARFF 2903 with water. It is always good to train with your surrounding departments to get them familiar with the airport and to see how they operate.



Saskatoon Search & Rescue BBQ

Submitted by Bryan House

On September 4th, 2019, Saskatoon Int’l Airport Fire Department hosted a BBQ for Saskatoon Search and Rescue at the Airport Firehall where they served burgers, pop, chips and salads with all proceeds going to support the local volunteers with Saskatoon Search and Rescue.



Saskatoon Search and Rescue is a registered charitable organization that depends solely on fundraising events and the support of our community in order to carry out their mission. Their success is due to the contributions of their volunteer members and people, businesses and organizations in the community who believe in the importance of their work. This support provides them with the ability to assist in their community and partner agencies in many ways and allows them additional opportunities to become an even stronger and professional team.

A letter from Brett Doucette and Craig Muench, Pro-Tec Fire Services of Canada, Saskatoon Airport Fire Department. “On behalf of the entire Saskatoon Airport Fire Department, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our Charity BBQ & Raffle on September 4, 2019. This year we once again raised money to support the amazing local volunteers of **Saskatoon Search and Rescue**. Thank you so much for donating the **First Aid Kit and Accessories** to our cause, your generosity is very much appreciated! With your help, we raised a **total of \$2300.00** which will make such a huge impact for this deserving organization.”





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Ronald McDonald House - Calgary

Submitted by Sylvain Theriault

On Wednesday August 21, Pro-Tec Fire Services of Canada ULC "C" Shift converged onto the Ronald McDonald House to cook brunch for 27 families who are currently staying there while family members are in hospital.

Ronald McDonald House is a not for profit organization that supports families during some of the hardest times a family faces.

Calgary's House is always full [maximum 27 families] and averages 60 guests at any time with a waiting list. Guests have stayed as short as 1 night while there have been 2 families recorded at 621 nights.



During the time families are in the house they have access to all the regular amenities you and I would enjoy in our home, from a kitchen, living room and bedroom with the additional challenge of a family member in hospital care that pulls them from having a regular routine.

To ease this challenge Ronald McDonald House has a "Home for Dinner" program supported by volunteers who enter the house twice per day every day of the year to provide a home cooked meal for either a brunch or dinner service. The volunteer groups are responsible for the purchase, preparation and cleanup of a meal for approximately 60 people.

This is a way for volunteers to give back to the community and help alleviate the stress of families leaving the hospital to, purchase groceries, get back to the house, prepare a meal and then clean up to return to bed side.

C Shift [Deputy Fire Chief Craig Passmore, Fire Captain Mark Romaniuk, Firefighters Jeff Beddome, Noel D'Arcy, Shaun Waidson and A Shift Fire Captain Jordan McPherson] departed YYC Station 1 at 0730 hours on the morning of August 21 and proceeded to SuperStore where they purchased groceries to make brunch. The meal planned was French toast with fresh berries and whip cream, eggs, bacon and sausage and juice. The crew arrived at the Ronald McDonald House for just before 9am when we unloaded our groceries, started the ovens and got down to business. We had just 2.5 hours to get everything prepped, cooked and set out for service to a house full of hungry guests.

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Ronald McDonald House - Calgary *cont.*

Submitted by Sylvain Theriault

As you would expect from Firefighters everyone was given a task, from cracking eggs, traying bacon and sausage, making whip cream and cutting up berries and cooking the French toast. Brunch was prepared and ready for service at 11:20am... with a line up already formed.

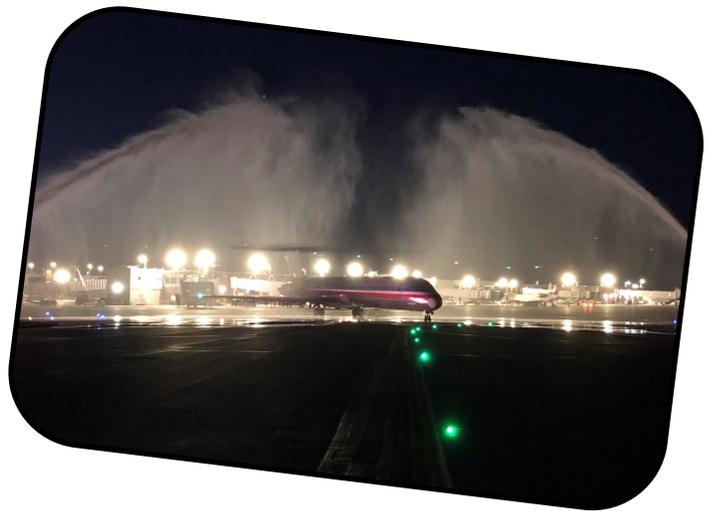
Guests devoured the brunch, and nobody left hungry...there were even a few who went for seconds and a few plates were set aside in the fridge for house guests at a later time.



Retiring the “Mad Dog”

Submitted by Don Minks

On Sept. 4, American Airlines will retire it’s last 26 McDonnell Douglas MD-80 aircraft. The MD-80, also known as the Super 80, was the workhorse of the airline’s fleet throughout the 1980s and beyond, providing customers and team members with heartfelt memories on adventures ranging from family vacations to key business trips. It’s a bittersweet but well-earned retirement as American celebrates the aircraft’s history while modernizing its fleet.



At 0600, Flight 2326 departed Des Moines International and made the final revenue flight on the “Mad Dog” before it’s desert farewell ferry flights to Roswell, New Mexico (ROW).



Pull A Plane

Submitted by Jordan McPherson

On September 15th, YYC Calgary International Airport Fire Department brought out their fleet of red vehicles to the United Way and UPS Pull A Plane event.

Over 1,800 Calgarians attended the event to cheer on 45 teams to competing to pull a 200,000 pound UPS cargo jet 50 feet across the tarmac. This year they hit

some records, including most attendees, over 140 kids in Kids Pull, and raised more than \$125,000 to help solve #UNIGNORABLE issues in their community.

The firefighters in the picture are Captain Jordan McPherson, Deputy Chief Doug Neufeld, firefighters Brent Hall, Jesse Decosta, Joshua Barry and Chad Wierenga.





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GOOD NEWS

8/8/19— Green Bay Ausin Straubel Airport “I Just wanted to give an extra acknowledgment to the great work Brice did on Wednesday evening. Obviously we were dealing with some significant weather and all the chaos that goes along with that; in addition the FIDS & Flight aware were drastically off which as you know keeps us very inefficient with our time. I was upstairs when my radio battery was starting to die, and was trying to get back to the station to switch out when Brice notified me of the Anti-Passback violation. Brice did an amazing job getting me the "play by play" of the party's location allowing me to make contact within 3 min of the violation in addition to confirming via CCTV of the situation. By the time I swept the concourse and made it back to the station, Brice had notified you as well as Rachel and was already starting to download video. As I was notifying the coordination and debriefing with Brice, another flight popped up on us early (Not synced up with FIDS). I rushed back to the terminal while Brice continued to download video. After the flights and the storm was cleared, I completed a special inspection of the airfield. By the time that was all done, I made it back to the station and found out Brice had downloaded video, burned them to a disk, added my notes to the IR, and was completing his narrative portion of the incident. The common theme became me saying "Now I need to ____" and Brice replying "Already Done"”

8/25/19—Rogue Valley Int’l Airport “We had our 139 inspection last week and came through with **no discrepancies**. No surprises at all. The inspector was impressed with our training program and record keeping. At Medford the Airport Operations works closely and collaboratively with ARFF and that showed during the inspection.”

9/16/19—Green Bay Austin Straubel Airport “Kyle [Hofacker], Thank you for the way you handled the mom struggling with the car seat this weekend. Having three of my own, I know the pain car seats can be! I’m sure she will remember your support and the positive manner in which you portrayed Pro-Tec and GRB. Again, thank you!”
-Marty Piette, GRB Airport Director

The **WINNER** of September Selfie 2019 is Tyler Jones at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the September Selfie 2019 campaign and submitted selfies to increase traffic on our social media pages. I have heard nothing but positive feedback and people enjoy seeing your pictures and your equipment. **Please keep the photos coming** and remember to follow Pro-Tec Fire Services on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. Thanks again! -Beth

9/27/19—Green Bay Austin Straubel Airport **100% on their FAA Inspection**



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